

STARKE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING
KNOX, IN 46534
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MINUTES
April 21, 2011

Chairman Bartoli opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

I. Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chairman Bartoli

II. ROLL CALL –Sheri Bartoli(Chairman), Don White(Vice-Chairman), Bob Troike(Executive Secretary), Denise Marks(Member), EJ Rodgers(Member) Steve Dodge(Attorney), Bruce Williams(Planning Commission Administrator)**absent**, and Savannah Simpson(BZA Recording Secretary)

III. Review of the meeting minutes for March 17, 2011– Chairman Bartoli noted a change needed to be made on the last page of minutes: Savannah spelled incorrectly. Member Marks made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with amended correction, seconded by Executive Secretary Troike.

Motion carried 5-0.

IV. Continuation of the public hearing to consider a use variance request by **MICHAEL THOMAS** to place a 1980 MH Type II on parcel with existing MH Type II in area zoned agricultural on property owned by **SHARON YOUNG & JENNIFER KING** and described as follows: Section: 15, Township: 32-3, PT: Oak Grove Trlr Sub #4, Lot 1 & 2 Block C Parcel: 014-0001-00, and located at 5326 S A Street North Judson, IN 46366.

- Chairman Bartoli read the ordinance listed above.
- Property owners King and Young were present.
- Board discussion/review
- Applicant separated lot
- Use variance no longer needed for lot but still necessary since MH is older than 1981.
- Bruce Williams approved MH previously
- Vice Chairman White made a motion to approve this request
- Executive Secretary Troike seconded that motion. Motion carried 5-0.

V. Public hearing to consider a use variance request by **CHARLES K. VORM** to build an agricultural building 4' below flood elevation in area zoned agricultural on property owned by **CHARLES K. VORM** and described as follows: Section: 14, Township: 33-3, PT: SE ¼ OF SE ¼ Parcel: 006-01635-00, and located at 0071 N. 100 W. North Judson, IN 46366.

- Chairman Bartoli read the ordinance listed above.
- All notifications were in order
- Attorney David Wallsmith was present to represent the applicant Charles Vorm.
- Mr. Wallsmith explained to the board the intent of the applicant.

- To build below flood elevation.
- Building is needed for use, storage, and distribution of agricultural products, primarily pumpkins, and equipment storage.
- Executive Secretary Troike abstains from voting on this matter due to the fact that he has subleased ground to Mr. Vorm for the purpose of raising pumpkins.
- Attorney Steve Dodge reads conditions for variances from packet.
- Board questions to the applicant.
 - Member Marks asked if there is a house on property and whether or not it is habitable.
 - Mr. Wallsmith replied that yes there is and it is habitable.
 - Vice Chairman White asked if the building will require employees to be hired.
 - Mr. Wallsmith replied that there is a temporary worker program that will be used as well other that are hired for the farm operation since it is a reasonably short harvest time.
 - Vice Chairman White also asked if the building is required to make the operation work.
 - Mr. Wallsmith replied that yes it is.
 - Chairman Bartoli asked if everything will be done in the one building.
 - Mr. Wallsmith replied that yes it will.
 - Chairman Bartoli also asked about the positioning of the building.
 - Mr. Wallsmith replied that it will be south of the house.
- Chairman Bartoli closed the public comment portion to discussion by board and staff only.
- Board discussion
- Member Marks made a motion to approve this request.
- Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman White. Motion carried 4-0.

VI. Old Business – None at this time

VII. New Business – None at this time

VIII. With no further business to come before the board Vice Chairman White made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Marks. Motion carried 5-0. The April 21, 2011 meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. local time. This meeting was recorded for file in the zoning office. The next meeting of the Starke County Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled for May 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. local time, in the Starke County Government Building, located in Knox, IN.